



Team's Charge - Issues

1. Manufacturing, agriculture, and tourism are highly dependent on the maintenance, expansion, and coordination of our transportation systems (highway, rail, air, and water).
2. Federal dollars should adequately account for international trade volumes between Michigan and Ontario in addition to fuel tax funding sources.
3. Need to look at connectivity and capacity to all Michigan borders and all modes of transportation.
4. Commerce and trade should more fully utilize all forms of transportation (air, water, rail) to relieve highway congestion.

Team's Charge - Goals

1. Increase capacity and efficiency of transportation infrastructure to enhance movement of goods and materials.
2. Decrease congestion by increasing capacity and efficiency for all modes of transportation infrastructure, while respecting the surrounding communities and the environment.
3. Improve the flow of goods through customs by applying necessary human and technical resources, both federal and state, to improve mobility at border crossings.

Team's Charge - Actions

1. Examine the use of technology at border crossings to reduce delays and form a working group for that task from the stakeholders. Conduct inspections of cars, trains, and trucks at locations other than directly at the borders (an off-site inspection).
2. Continue to expand the use of technology to improve operations and reduce delays across all modes.
3. Develop a campaign to educate the public on the importance of commerce and trade and insuring the necessary infrastructure is available.
4. Tie border crossing funding to the value of trade at the border crossing.
5. **Position Michigan to aggressively compete with other states for border crossing siting and funding.**

High Level Team Process

- Shared ideas & perspectives from various agencies and transportation modes in relationship to the Issues, Goals & Actions (IGAs)
- Invited guests to provide more specific information related to the IGAs.
- Broke into sub-teams to develop implementation tasks.
- Reviewed sub-team's work, and compiled results, looking for similar ideas across all sub-teams.

High Level Implementation Plan

1. Develop a “Michigan Intermodal Advisory Committee for Commerce and Trade (MI-ACT)”. *Addresses Actions #1 & #2*

- The purpose of the MI-ACT will be to serve in an advisory capacity regarding the use of technologies to optimize supply chain dynamics by improving operations and reducing delays across all modes and border crossings; to foster education and advocacy from community support; and to secure adequate funding for advances in commerce and trade technologies.

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Possible Participation of the MI-ACT

- Automotive Industry Action Group
- Canada and the Province of Ontario
- Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority
- Federal Highway Administration
- Michigan Association of Airport Executives
- Michigan Department of Agriculture
- Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth
- Michigan Department of Transportation
- Michigan Manufacturing Association
- Michigan Rail Association
- Michigan Trucking Association
- Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
- Travel Michigan/Michigan Economic Development Corporation
- United States Customs & Border Protection

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2. Enlist “Champions” for Commerce & Trade issues and form a coalition for ongoing Public Information Campaigns. *Addresses Action #3*

- To be commissioned by the MI-ACT.
- Identify statewide and regional champions.
- Tap into resources of universities and industry to develop and deliver messages.
- Engage mid-west states/partners.

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3. Convene a “Mini-Summit” to address ways to explore, identify, communicate, and implement technologies to efficiently integrate use of all modes of transportation. *Addresses Action #2*

- To be hosted by the MI-ACT.
- Identify participants.

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4. Charge a Task Force to Investigate Technology Applications at Border Crossings. *Addresses Action #1*

- To be commissioned by the MI-ACT.
- Identify current situations.
- Explore ideas.
- Partner with U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other security agencies to understand acceptable risk levels.
- Conduct a multi-agency sponsored study to identify technology applications that reduce risk levels of off-site inspections to acceptable levels.
- Evaluate and make recommendations.

High Level Implementation Plan

5. Charge a Task Force to Investigate Technology Applications to Improve Operations Across Modes.

Addresses Actions #1, #2 & #5

- To be commissioned by the MI-ACT.
- Identify current situations.
- Explore ideas.
- Evaluate and make recommendations.

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6. Charge a Task Force to Collect & Maintain Data and Prepare Position Papers. *Addresses Action #4*

- Define the importance of the commercial border crossing traffic in terms of: value, volume and economic impact.
- Develop facts and statistics on the value of trade.
- Identify federal dollars and how they are allocated.
- Identify current funding levels by mode and each crossing (nationwide), including support services (customs, etc.) and capital improvements.
- Develop position papers and send to local, state and federal elected officials.
- Identify partner coalitions – leverage and lobby efforts.
- Get stakeholders involved.

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7. Obtain support from other states who make use of Michigan border crossings for their commerce and trade. *Addresses Action #5*

- To be completed by the MI-ACT and Commerce & Trade Champion(s).
- Work with other state congressional delegations on the importance of Michigan border crossings to their state.
- Share information with target groups in other states to gain support for Michigan border crossings.
- Work with Canadian agencies to get buy-in and support.
- Identify practices at other (non-Michigan) border crossings to know what they are doing successfully.

Status of Implementation Plan

What implementation items have been completed?

- **Looked for synergy/opportunities to build on similar ideas/tasks from other Summit Action Teams.**
- Developed a framework for the “Intermodal Advisory Committee” (mission, suggested representation, etc.).

Future Actions

- **First Steps**

- Investigate options to establish MI-ACT.
- Enlist the Commerce & Trade Champion(s).

- **Next Steps**

- MI-ACT to complete the remaining implementation tasks.